

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 272

Approved June 23, 2023

WHEREAS, This resolution is authorizing the City Council President to engage Steve Smith of Steve Smith Consulting, LLC, at a cost of no more than five thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars a month not to exceed sixty thousand (\$60,000.00) dollars annually, to provide education policy advice and guidance as it relates to the return of the Providence Public School system back to local control; and



WHEREAS, Steve Smith has over forty years of education experience in Rhode Island including his time as a teacher and as the President of the local chapter of the American Federation of Teachers. Steve also brings twenty years of experience as a State Representative and a unique understanding of legislative processes at both the state and local levels; and

WHEREAS, Section 401 (D) of the City's Home Rule Charter authorizes the City Council "To retain by majority vote of the entire city council and to fix the salaries of those consultants it deems necessary for the exercise of its functions including, but not limited to accountants, engineers, and other experts not regularly employed in any city department or service. The city council shall have the power to appropriate funds to defray the costs thereof"; and

WHEREAS, It would be extremely beneficial to have a consultant on call to advise and support the City Council in the work to return the Providence Public School system back to local control.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That pursuant to Section 401 (d) of the Providence Home Rule Charter, the City Council of the City of Providence hereby authorizes the City Council President to sign an agreement with Steve Smith of Steve Smith Consulting, LLC to provide education policy advice and guidance as it relates to the return of the Providence Public School system back to local control.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
JUN 15 2023  
READ AND PASSED

  
RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT  
  
CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

  
Mayor

Date: 6/23/2023